

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1300  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Bob Williamson on the occasion of his retirement as Chief of Police of the Dyersburg Police Department.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Chief Bob Williamson is one such remarkable public servant who has served with distinction and integrity as the Chief of Police of the Dyersburg Police Department since January of 1970, and he will soon be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a native of Dyersburg, Bob Williamson attended Dyer County Schools and earned an Associate of Science degree from Dyersburg State Community College in 1979; and

WHEREAS, after nobly serving his country in Korea for sixteen months, Mr. Williamson returned to his hometown and became a firefighter with the Dyersburg Fire Department in 1957, thus commencing his long and distinguished career in public service; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, Bob Williamson transferred his employment to the Dyersburg Police Department and began serving his fellow citizens as a police patrolman, in which capacity he served diligently until 1966, when he was promoted to Sergeant and placed in charge of the records section; and

WHEREAS, a mere three years later, in October of 1969, Bob Williamson once again ascended the ranks of the police department and was named the "acting" Chief of Police, a position which he officially acquired in January of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the longest serving Chief of Police in the State of Tennessee, Chief Bob Williamson has lent his considerable skills and abilities to numerous professional organizations, including the Tennessee Law Enforcement Officers Association, which he has served as president; the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, which he currently serves as

president; and the State Board of the Fraternal Order of Police, which he served for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Chief Williamson was appointed by the Governor of Tennessee to the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Commission; upon his reappointment to a second term, Chief Williamson served the POST Commission ably as its Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Chief Bob Williamson was further honored in 2003, when the Chiefs Association named their leadership award the "Casey, Fowler, Williamson Award" in his honor and in 2005, when the Dyersburg Police Department Municipal Building was officially named the "Bobby L. Williamson Building"; and

WHEREAS, Chief Williamson exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career in public service, Chief Bob Williamson has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of Dyersburg; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Chief Bob Williamson on his distinguished tenure as the Chief of Police of the Dyersburg Police Department, thank him for his meritorious service to his community and the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.